



MC&FP FACT SHEET

Data



The contract extension is for one additional year.



The initiative has provided more than 60,000 YMCA memberships to military families.



More than 112,000 military children have benefited from the initiative.



The initiative supports 45 of the largest military installations.

Additional information

Armed Services YMCA website

<http://www.asymca.org/programs/ymca-dod-military-outreach-initiative>

Morale, Welfare and Recreation

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/mwr>

Family Readiness System

http://www.militaryonesource.mil/search?content_id=266979

Background

In 2008, the Department of Defense, in contract with the Armed Services YMCA, established the Military Outreach Initiative to enhance personal and family readiness. The initiative was intended to support geographically dispersed military service members and their families during periods of deployment and family separation, and that support continues. Originally scheduled to expire in 2014, the initiative will now end on March 17, 2015 to allow policy makers an opportunity to research alternative options and programs to support this demographic.

Highlights

The initiative extension will:

- Support military families for an additional year while alternative options are explored, despite the drawdown of combat operations and funding
- Affect eligible participants, generally including families of deployed National Guard and Reserve Component service members, active-duty members assigned to independent duty locations, relocated spouses of deployed active-duty personnel and members in community-based wounded transition units
- Offer uninterrupted access to fitness and childcare programs for eligible members and families
- Allow eligible individuals to access the respite child care services and no-cost fitness access until March 17, 2015

